



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

DE-CW0806

MAY 22, 2006

Additional Rain Easing Concerns

Some spotty showers helped to get soybeans started. There were **5.3 days suitable** for fieldwork. **Corn** germination is good but warm temperatures are needed to get it growing. **Soybean** planting is well underway with 24 percent seeded, compared to 14 percent last week. **Barley** is completely headed and is starting to turn. **Wheat** is 88 percent headed just slightly above last year.

Vegetable planting is advancing nicely. **Snaps beans** are 64 percent planted compared to 45 percent average. **Sweet corn** planting, at 48 percent complete, is running slightly behind average.

Pasture condition is rated 3 percent excellent, 39 percent good, 37 percent fair, 15 percent poor, and 6 percent very poor. **Hay supplies** are 49 percent adequate, 46 percent short, and 5 percent very short.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Winter Wheat Headed	88	55	83	78
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	51	28	75	55
Cucumbers	29	21	32	25
Lima Beans (Processed)	14	7	26	15
Potatoes				
Snap Beans	65	50	24	45
Soybeans	24	14	22	20
Sweet Corn	48	37	49	53
Tomatoes	41	29	67	51
Watermelons	53	30	78	53
Corn: Planted	92	86	91	88
Emerged	76	40	64	63
Alfalfa Hay 1st Cutting	60	28	47	40
Other Hay 1st Cutting	38	27	39	39
Strawberries Harvested	28	12	6	16

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	8	39	52	1
Topsoil (2005)	-	8	87	5
Five Year Average	5	18	56	21
Subsoil Moisture	7	41	51	1
Subsoil (2005)	-	4	93	3
Five Year Average	4	18	71	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 2006

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.32	11.17	-3.94	73	41	58	-7
Easton	0.45	11.38	-2.98	71	46	59	-3
Frederick	1.92	15.15	-2.61	62	38	50	-8
Frostburg	0.33	8.22	-5.98	70	44	56	-8
Hagerstown	0.49	9.59	-7.35	74	43	60	-6
Mechanicsville	0.59	8.49	-6.71	80	44	63	-3
Patuxent River	0.92	8.52	-8.73	76	42	61	-4
Ocean City	1.02	10.44	-6.46	76	36	59	-5
Salisbury	0.50	10.54	-3.82	71	39	56	-5
Sharpsburg	0.13	9.80	-5.83	73	45	61	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.83	10.96	-2.81	74	49	61	-7
Delaware							
Dover	0.78	10.06	-5.98	75	48	60	-5
Georgetown	0.48	7.85	-8.85	78	43	61	-3
Wilmington	1.56	12.68	-2.72	75	43	59	-5

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.

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